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SUBJECT: ROC REACTION TO CONGRESSIONAL PLANS TO ELIMINATE
MAAG AND NEWS ARMS SALE POLICY

1. WE NOTE THAT THE RECENT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE MOVES TO
ELIMINATE CHINA-MAAG RECEIVED FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT IN THE
LOCAL PRESS.

2. IN LIGHT OF THE LONG HISTORY AND SYMBOLISM OF THE MAAG
ON TA-WAN, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF BOTH
CIVILIAN AND MILITARY ROC REACTION TO THIS DEVELOPMENT.
WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN WHETHER THE CONTEMPLATED
CHANGE IS SEEN AS A DELIBERATE US MOVE TO DOWNGRADE ITS
SECURITY RELATIONS WITH THE ROC.

3. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR KEEPING TABS ON THE ROC
REACTION TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S NEW POLICY ON ARMS TRANS-
FERS ANNOUNCED MAY 19 (STATE 115244). FROM HERE IT
APPEARS THAT THE NEW "POLICY OF RESTRAINT" COMBINED WITH
THE ELIMINATION OF MAAG COULD BE QUITE TROUBLING TO THE
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